AN ORDINANCE

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS JIM MADDOX, MICHAEL BOND AND CLETA

WINSLOW

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ALLOW THE STREET NAME CHANGE OF MARIETTA STREET AND DECATUR STREETS IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO IVAN ALLEN, JR. BOULEVARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the streets currently known as Marietta Street and Decatur Street are within the corporate boundaries of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr. is a native Atlantan, born March 15, 1911, attended the Spring Street School, O'Keefe and Boys High School, and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr. served in a variety of positions in a family owned office furniture and products firm which became a landmark in the City of Atlanta celebrating its 100th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr. served as Mayor of the City of Atlanta from 1962 to 1970 and during his tenure, helped lay the groundwork for many of the initiatives that became the foundation for Atlanta's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr. helped navigate Atlanta through the turbulent waters of desegregation that were sweeping across the south which caused many other cities to flounder; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr.'s progressive approach to race relations helped lay the cornerstones of the attitudes and interracial relations that have made it possible for Atlanta to enjoy the growth and prosperity that it has endured during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, he played a major role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when he became the only elected Southern official to testify before Congress in favor of the a bill to eliminate discrimination in public accommodations which was called "a rare mark of courage and determination"; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen, Jr. has exercised a lifetime of commitment to the civic good of this City; and

WHEREAS, Ivan Allen Jr.'s many accomplishments include President of the Atlanta Community Chest and United Way, President of the Atlanta area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Chairman of the Atlanta Arts Alliance and President of both the Georgia and Atlanta chambers of commerce; and

WHEREAS, he is credited for bringing professional sports to Atlanta - both football and baseball in the same year, 1966; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of Marietta Street and Decatur Street in honor of the former Mayor would be an appropriate tribute to one of Atlanta's true visionaries; and

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing on the proposed street name change will be done in accordance with the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, this will be done to address any concerns the neighbors and the affected business community may have and will not cause any undue hardships for anyone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDANINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> That Marietta Street and Decatur Streets in their entirety be renamed Ivan Allen, Jr. Boulevard.

Section 2: That changes are effective upon the Mayor's approval.

<u>Section 3:</u> That the appropriate City agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Planning and the Clerk of Council, are hereby directed to take such steps as are necessary to have the name changed on street signs, maps and other official documents and markers.

<u>Section 4:</u> That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

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